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*President*  
Mark McKean

Hello everyone,

*Vice President*  
Bill Henry

All of us on the accreditation team in San Bernardino have one eye on the tasks at hand and the other on the economy and its effect on the state budget. As you know, the Governor is calling for a special session to address the current shortfall that has already occurred in the first quarter and will likely continue throughout the year.

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It appears likely that they will suspend the guarantee funding for community colleges and K-12 which, if enacted, will result in a 4% - 5% reduction of our current budget. We are working on plans to address this matter as I write this letter. We will bring in the bargaining groups to obtain their input and to also share with them our current and anticipated plans of action. Our past action has been to "freeze" the budget in January or March. If we use the same course of action we may have to put the freeze in place much sooner. Other actions may be to have the Board direct us to reduce the expenditures immediately. We are fortunate that we have a good ending balance which may help if we need it; however, I would caution that this is not a one year problem. It could be two or three years. Let's hope not.

ADMINISTRATION

*Chancellor*  
Frank Gornick

I am available by phone, as always.

*President*  
*West Hills College Coalinga*  
Willard Lewallen

Regards,

*President*  
*West Hills College Lemoore*  
Don Warkentin

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frank". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name of the Chancellor.

*Vice Chancellor*  
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Frank Gornick  
Chancellor